



Office of the Mayor

# The City of Morgantown

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## Proclamation

- Whereas,** PSALM: Proud Students Against Landmines/Cluster Bombs are students dedicated to educating others about the dangers of landmines and cluster bombs and prevent future casualties through service projects; and
- Whereas,** Landmines and cluster munitions have killed or maimed more people than nuclear, chemical and biological weapons combined, do not distinguish between civilians and combatants, between times of peace and times of war and PSALM students understand that landmines and cluster munitions destroy lives, divide communities, and leave land uninhabitable; and
- Whereas,** PSALM service projects include: collecting medical supplies for landmine victims in Nicaragua, providing a prosthetic device for a young Bosnian landmine victim and Laotian cluster bomb victim, raising funds to train mine detection dogs in mine-affected regions, contributing to demining in the Holy Lands and sponsoring three water wells in Cambodia where children walk through mine fields to collect water; and
- Whereas,** PSALM students are internationally recognized as youth leaders. In 2009, PSALM students were recognized by the Geneva Bureau for Peace for their efforts for a more peaceful world. In 2010 they were included in a book titled, "Ingredients for Peace" along with 8 Nobel Laureates, including Bishop Desmond Tutu. Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Jody Williams referred to PSALM as the "golden standard" for education about global issues. In 2011, PSALM received the "Innovations in Education" Award by the National Catholic Education Association; and
- Whereas,** In March, 2014, PSALM celebrated their 15 year anniversary as a student founded organization.

**Now, Therefore, I,** Jenny Selin, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim that November 18, 2014 be:

## Cluster Bomb and Land Mine Awareness Day

and urges our national leaders to join the Ottawa Treaty to Ban Anti-personnel landmines and the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Seal:

  
Jenny Selin, Mayor